

**SPECIAL MEETING
CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008
WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL
400 PHENIX AVENUE
EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:30 P.M.
PUBLIC SESSION: 7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

I. Call to Order – 5:30 p.m. – Convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel and PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation (Possible Litigation – Caruolo Action) and CASA Contracts

II. Executive Session

III. Call to Order – Public Session

IV. Roll Call / Quorum

V. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – February 25, 2007

VI. Public Acknowledgements / Communications

VII. Chairperson Communications

VIII. Superintendent Communications

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X. Public Hearing

a. Students (Agenda/Non-agenda Items)

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ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

NO. 08-3-1 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year:

Tammy McLellan, salary to be at the eleventh step plus Masters plus 30 of the prevailing salary schedule

Education – University of Rhode Island, BS and MS

Experience – South Kingstown High School

Certification – Guidance, K-12

Assignment – Park View Middle School, Guidance, 1.0 FTE

Effective Date of Employment – February 26, 2008

Authorization - Replacement

Fiscal Note: 12336213 513600

NO. 08-3-2 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Laurie Andrade Health and Physical Education, PK-12

Matthew Souza General Subject Matter, K-12

Elizabeth Reichardt General Subject Matter, K-12

NO. 08-3-3 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified staff member be granted a leave of absence without compensation as provided in Article X, Section C of the Master Agreement between the Cranston School Committee and the Cranston Teachers' Alliance (Teacher Assistants):

Sandra Ellis, Teacher Assistant

Effective Dates: March 2008 to March 2009

NO. 08-3-4 - Whereas, there may be more qualified individuals who will apply for current positions, and

Whereas, certain positions became available after the teacher selection of July 25, 2007, and more senior teachers may elect to occupy these positions under Article XVI of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, and

Whereas, funding for certain positions is not assured for the 2008-2009 school year, and as a result, more senior teachers could elect to take a current position, and

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Whereas, positions occupied by retirees must be posted each year, and

Whereas, there may be changes in student distribution, and as a result, more senior teachers may take a current position, and

Whereas, positions must now be made available for more senior teachers who are scheduled to return from leave, and

Whereas, because of these concerns, and in accordance with Title 16 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, the Superintendent has recommended that the employment of certain teachers be terminated at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, and

Whereas, the Superintendent has sent prior notice to said teachers

informing them of the specific reasons for their termination, and

Whereas, the Committee has provided said teachers with the opportunity to be heard in Executive Session regarding their termination,

Be it RESOLVED that said teachers be terminated at the close of the school year under provisions of Title 16 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode island, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the Superintendent notify those teachers of the Committee's action to terminate their employment.

NO. 08-3-5 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following individuals be appointed as athletic coaches:

Michael Boyajian, Assistant Baseball, Cranston High School East

Step – 7

Class – C

Playing Competition – High School/College

Experience – Cranston Coach

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid Certified

Nancy Hersey, Interim Assistant Boys' Tennis, Cranston High School

West

Step – 7

Class – D

Playing Competition – Recreationally

Experience – Cranston High School West, Assistant Girls' Coach

**Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid
Certified**

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Mary Tobin, Head Fastpitch Softball, Western Hills Middle School

Step – 3

Class – D

Playing Competition – Recreational

Experience – Youth Leagues

**Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid
Certified**

Jason Hogan, Assistant Coed Golf, Cranston High School West

Step – 3

Class – D

Playing Competition – Recreationally

Experience – Volunteer Coach, Cranston High School West Coed Golf

**Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/AED/First Aid
Certified**

NO. 08-3-6 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

TEACHER ASSISTANT

Johanny Felix

NO. 08-3-7 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following non-certified personnel be accepted:

Angela D'Ambra, Secretary

Administration

Effective Date: June 20, 2008

POLICY AND PROGRAM

NO. 08-3-8 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Conferences be authorized:

Jerry Schimmel, Director of Special Education, to travel to Charlotte, North Carolina from May 7, 2008 to May 9, 2008 to attend the National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center Conference (NSTTAC).

Jaclyn Cambio and Lidia Cordeiro, both ESL teachers at Gladstone

Street School, to travel to New York City, New York from April 2, 2008 to April 5, 2008 to attend the 42nd Annual Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Convention and Exhibit (TESOL).

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TABLED RESOLUTIONS

NO. 08-2-13 – RESOLVED, that the 2008-2009 Operating Budget, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.

NO. 08-1-16 – RESOLVED, that the 2008-2009 Capital Budget, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.

CAPITAL BUDGET 2008-2009

BOND 04 – 25

Cranston High School West – Sprinklers \$2,400,000

Western Hills Middle School – Sprinklers

BOND 04 – 25

Cranston High School West – Bleachers \$ 150,000

BOND 427/529

Park View – Renovate Library \$ 100,000

Renovate Science Rooms \$1,700,000

Bain / Park View / Western Hills

BOND 04 – 25

**Relocate and renovate four (4) portable \$ 400,000
classrooms; 2 at Woodridge School and 2
at Arlington School**

\$4,750,000

XII. Action Calendar / Action Agenda

XIII. New Business

XIV. Public Hearing on Non-agenda Items

XV. Announcement of Future Meetings

XVI. Adjournment

School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairman in advance.

Any changes in the agenda pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6(e) will be posted on the school district's web site at www.cpsed.net, Cranston Public Schools' administration building, 845 Park Ave., Cranston, RI; and Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI and will be electronically filed with the Secretary of State at least forty-eight hours (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

Notice Posted: February 21, 2008/Cranston Herald

CORRECTED AD

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a. Elimination of Spring Sports for 2007-2008 (Current) School Year

b. Certified and non-certified appointments, reappointments, reassignments, removals from suspension and termination, transfers, resignations, terminations, dismissals, suspensions, layoffs, leaves of absence, retirements, rescindments

c. Conferences/Trips of Long Duration

d. Tabled Resolution: 2008-2009 Operating Budget Adoption

e. Tabled Resolution: 2008-2009 Capital Budget Adoption

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Interested persons and the public at large, upon advance notice, will be given a fair opportunity to be heard at said meeting on the items proposed on the Agenda.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Superintendent's Office at 270-8143 72 hours in advance of hearing date.

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